The Honorable Richard A. Jones 1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 KURT WISECUP, an Individual, and JOHN Case No. C09-1590 RAJ 10 MURPHY, an Individual, STIPULATION AND ORDER 11 Plaintiffs, CONSOLIDATING CASE NO. C09-1590 WITH IN RE FORMER 12 **EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON** v. MUTUAL BANK v. FDIC AS 13 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE **RECEIVER FOR WASHINGTON** MUTUAL BANK, ET AL., MASTER CORPORATION, as receiver for Washington 14 Mutual Bank, FILE NO. C09-0504 15 Defendant. Note Date: February 9, 2010 16 17 18 **BACKGROUND** 19 On September 25, 2008, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") was 20 appointed receiver for Washington Mutual Bank. Since that time, numerous former employees 21 of Washington Mutual Bank have filed claims with FDIC as receiver for Washington Mutual 22 Bank (the "Receiver") arising out of certain alleged employment agreements that those former 23 employees had with Washington Mutual Bank. Those claims resulted in numerous lawsuits by 24 plaintiffs in this District who allege that the Receiver improperly denied employment benefits 25 26 STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER DLA Piper LLP (US) CONSOLIDATING CASE NO. C09-1590 WITH 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 7000 MASTER FILE NO. C09-0504 - 1 Seattle, WA 98104-7044 • Tel: 206.839.4800 CASE NO. C09-1590 RAJ

under the agreements. Prior to September 2, 2009, eighteen such lawsuits were filed (the "Lawsuits"). The Receiver denies plaintiffs' allegations.

On September 2, 2009, this Court entered an Order consolidating the Lawsuits pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a). *See* Sept. 2, 2009 Consolidation Order in Case No. C09-0504. The Court found that the Lawsuits arise out of the same or similar transactions or occurrences and involve the same or similar issues of law and fact. *Id.* The Court assigned Master File No. C09-0504 to the consolidated lawsuit (the "Consolidated Lawsuit"). *Id.* 

On November 6, 2009, Plaintiff Kurt Wisecup filed a lawsuit against the Receiver that is virtually identical to the lawsuits filed by the other plaintiffs whose suits were consolidated into the Consolidated Lawsuit (the "Wisecup Lawsuit"). On November 25, 2009, an amended complaint was filed in the Wisecup Lawsuit adding John Murphy as a plaintiff. *See* Complaint and Amended Complaint, Case No. C09-1590.

## **STIPULATION**

The parties to the Wisecup Lawsuit stipulate and agree that the Wisecup Lawsuit arises out of the same transactions or occurrences as the Consolidated Lawsuit, and thereby stipulate to the consolidation of the Wisecup Lawsuit with the Consolidated Lawsuit pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 42(a), subject to the terms outlined in the September 2 Consolidation Order. The parties agree that the consolidation of the Wisecup Lawsuit with the Consolidated Lawsuit does not affect or alter any outstanding deadlines to respond to the complaint, does not waive defendant's right to receiver proper service of process or challenge service of process, and does not restrict any party from asserting any claim or defense.

The parties further stipulate and agree that consolidation of the Wisecup Lawsuit with the Consolidated Lawsuit does not impact the Receiver's pending Motion Pursuant To STIPULATION AND ORDER CONSOLIDATING

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1 FRCP 12(b)(6) And For Judgment On The Pleadings Pursuant To FRCP 12(c) To Dismiss All 2 Claims Against Defendant Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, As Receiver For 3 Washington Mutual Bank (Dkt. #26; the "Receiver's Motion to Dismiss") in the Consolidated 4 Lawsuit. The parties agree that the claims in the Wisecup Lawsuit are subject to the arguments 5 for dismissal made in the Receiver's Motion to Dismiss. Thus, the parties stipulate and agree 6 that the Court should apply the arguments made in the Receiver's Motion to Dismiss with equal 7 force and effect to the allegations in the Wisecup Lawsuit. 8 9 **ORDER** 10 IT IS SO ORDERED. 11 Dated this 9th day of February, 2010. 12 13 Richard A Jones 14 15 United States District Judge 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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